Guide to Online Game Check – Furbearer Hunting/Salvage

This tutorial will guide you through the process of using the *MassFishHunt* system to check your **hunted/salvaged coyote or fox** online. Please take a few minutes to read through this guide before beginning. NOTE FOR SALVAGED FURBEARERS: Use this guide for coyotes or fox that were salvaged during the hunting season with a hunting license. For furbearers salvaged with a trapping license, during the trapping season, please see the guide for Furbearer Trapping/Salvage.
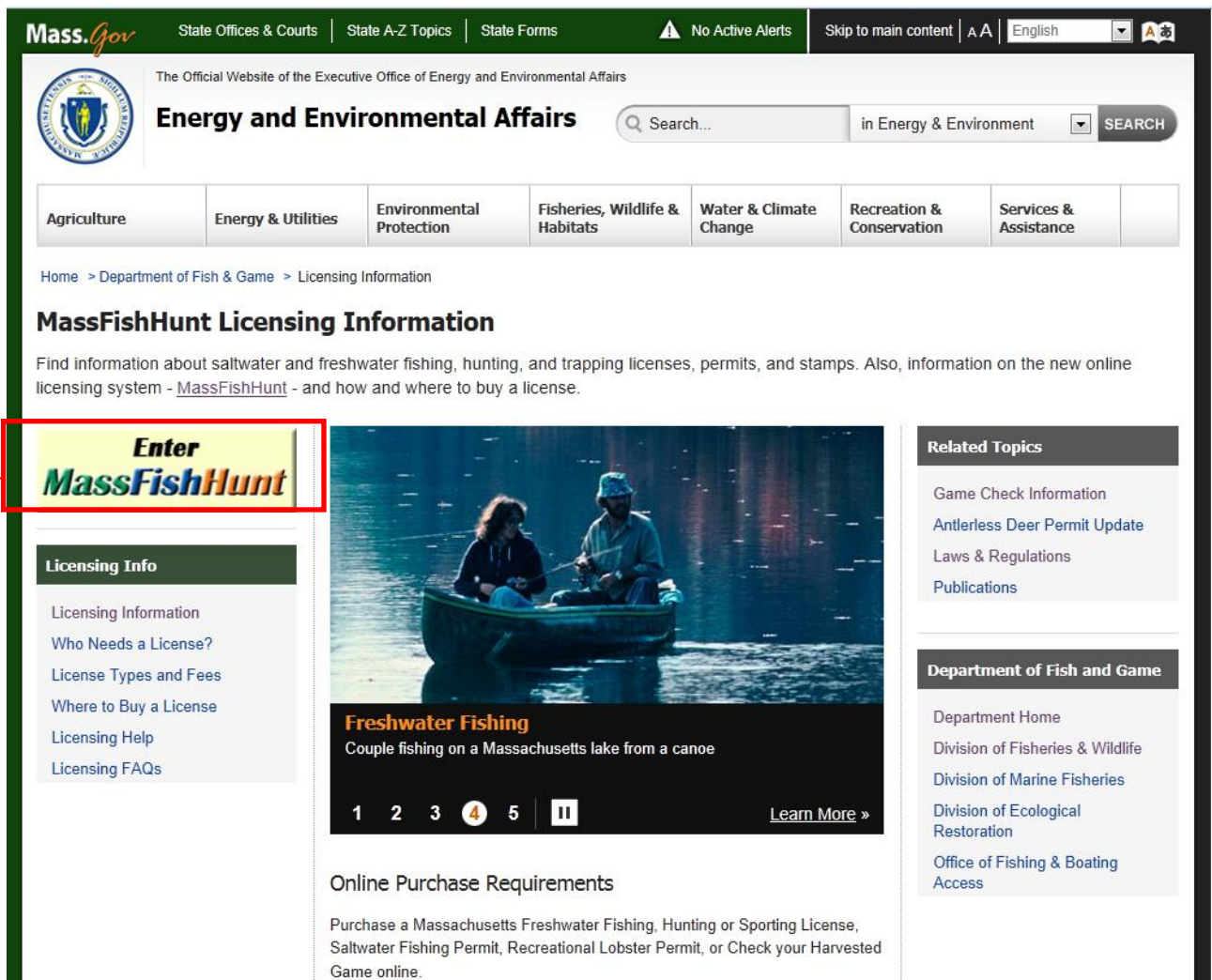
To check a harvested/salvaged coyote or fox online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed.   Required information may include: town of harvest, date of harvest, whether the animal was hunted or salvaged, the animal's sex, your hunting method, equipment used, and time of day the animal was harvested.

All furbearers must be checked within 4 working days of the end of the season. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals.

Please use care when entering information on the harvested furbearer into the *MassFishHunt* system, particularly the date of harvest. Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you have issues checking your furbearers online.

1) To start, go to the official *MassFishHunt* webpage by clicking below, **or** copy and paste the following link into your webbrowser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official *MassFishHunt* webpage.
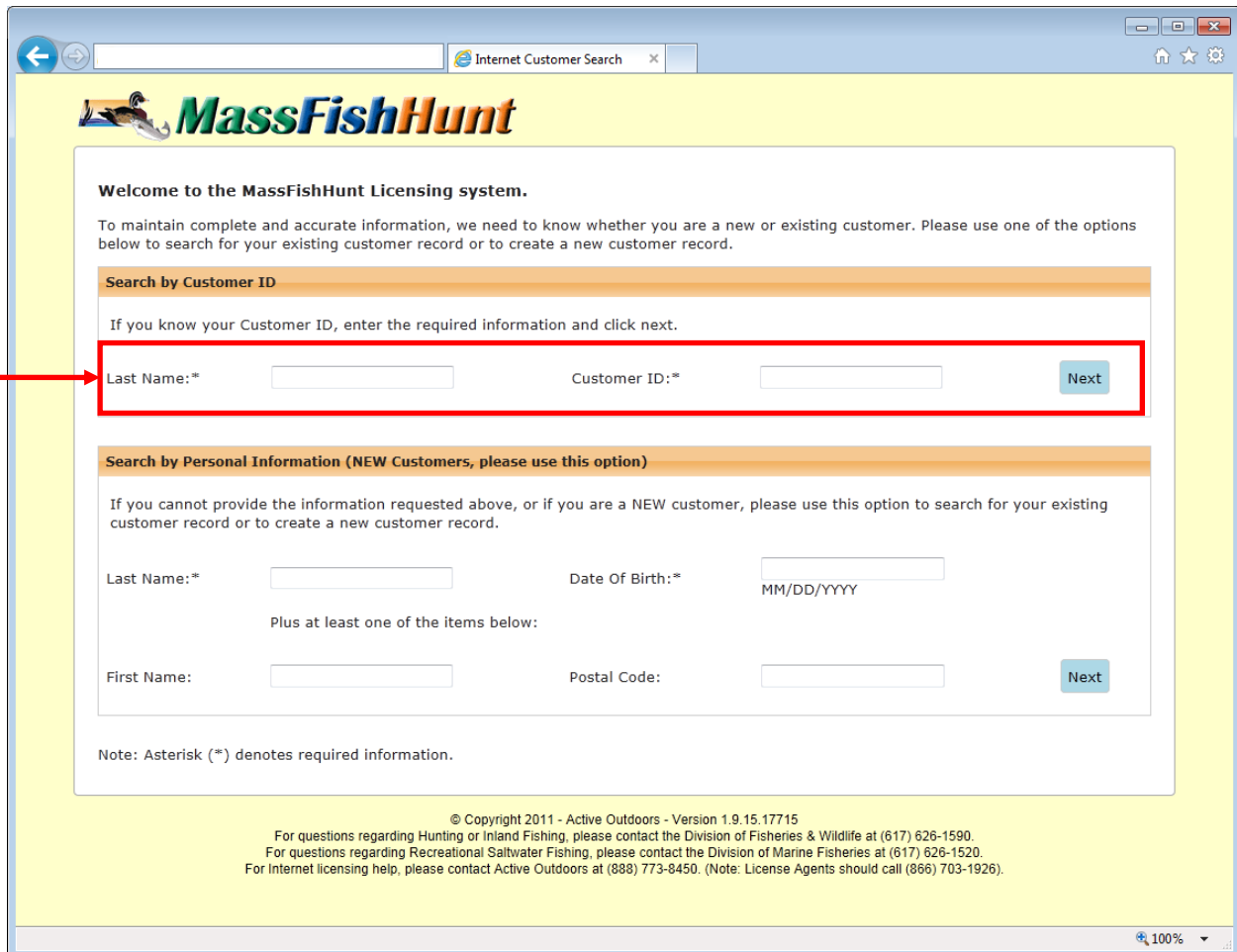
http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt

Click the **[Enter MassFishHunt]** button shown above.

2) To enter the *MassFishHunt* system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your hunting/sporting license in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your hunting/sporting license.

3) Once logged into the *MassFishHunt* system you can begin your online furbearer check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

4) Click the **FURBEARER HUNTING/SALVAGE** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. On this page, you may also see options to check your harvested deer, or other furbearers during their respective seasons if you have the appropriate licenses or permits.
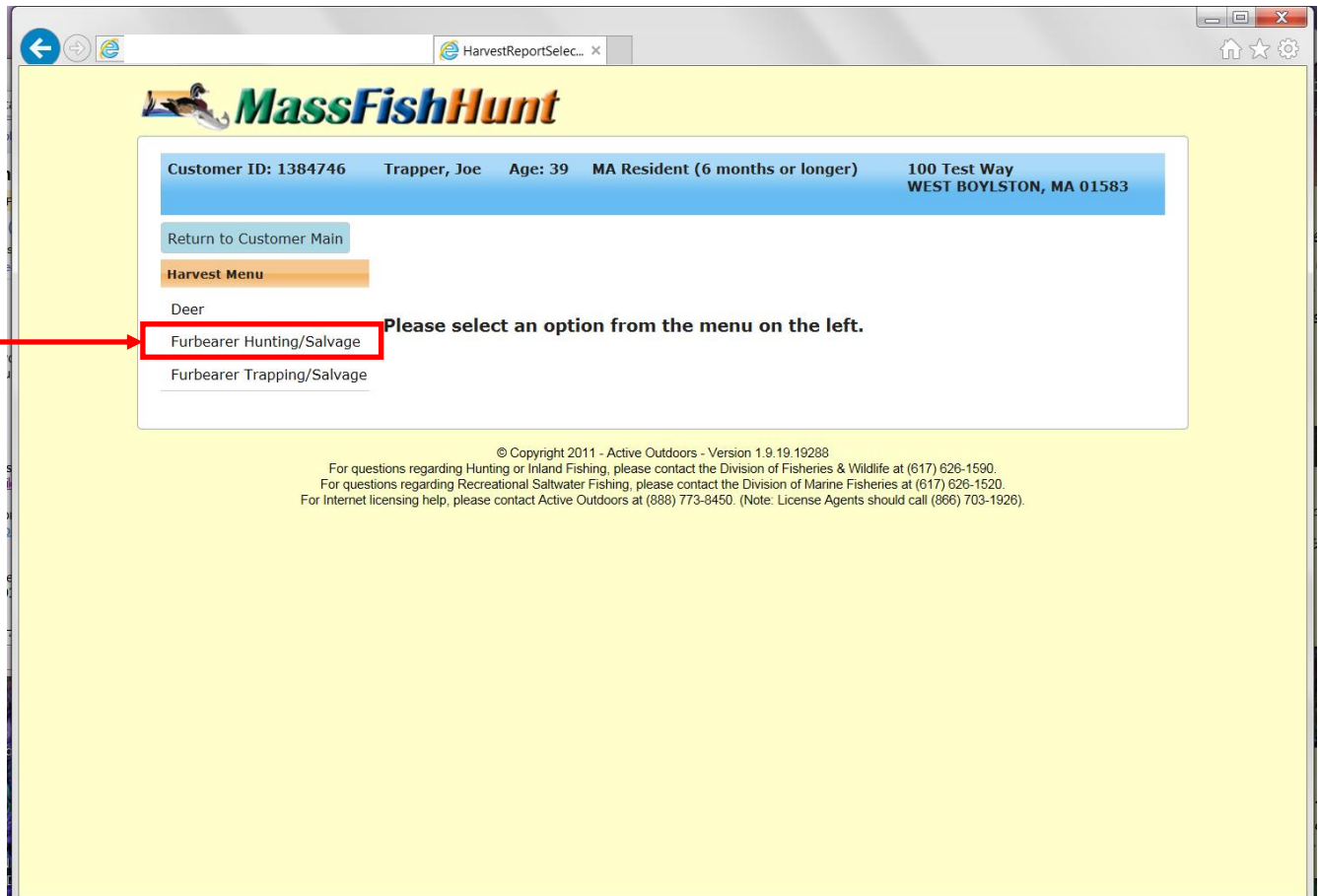
5) You are now ready to begin your online game check. Click the **ADD** button for the species you wish to check.

6) We will use the coyote harvest report as an example, but the fox report will look similar. The **Coyote Harvest Report** consists of a series of questions**,** many of which are multiple-choice. Your responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide coyote population. Please take a few minutes to answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

6) You can click on the blue question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.

7) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button. You will have a chance to edit your responses before they are finalized, but please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

Please ensure that the date of harvest and all other fields are entered accurately.

8) You will need to confirm the submission by clicking **YES** on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information, click **NO** and then change your entries. When finished proceed from step 7.

9) After completing your online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals. Taxidermists or furbuyers should not accept coyote or fox without a confirmation number (or plastic seal from some physical check stations) attached to the pelt or carcass.
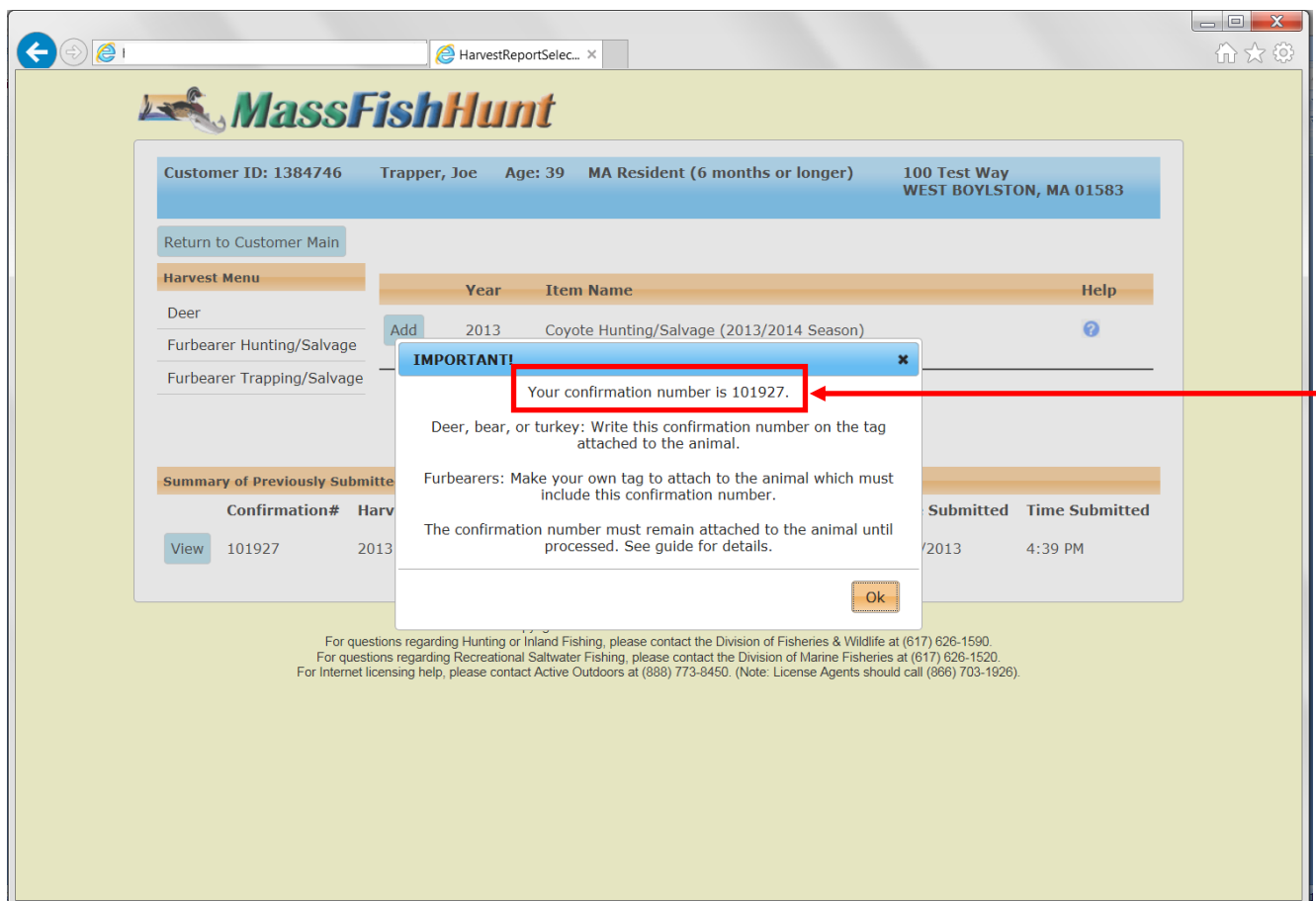
Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

10) If you have other furbearers to check click the appropriate menu and add button and repeat steps 5 - 9. If you made an error on your harvest report, you can no longer edit it and must contact MassWildlife.

The *MassFishHunt* system will store the game you have checked online. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button.

11) After clicking **VIEW**, this is what your harvest report looks like. The *MassFishHunt* system will store the submitted game checks, you may print a copy of these submitted harvest reports at any time.